as doesn't know when they're well off, "said old man Greenhut, "an' a good many more o' them as does know, that loses what they has by bein' graspin' an' reachin' out after more'n the good Lord intends 'em to have, bein' disregardless of all there is in the laws o' moderation an' bemp'rate livin'."

The old man paused after he had thrown out this glittering generality and looked around the room as if to see if anybody was anxious to get into a controversy about it. Not seeing anybody who seemed disposed to question him, he shook his head solemnly, wiped off a couple of glasses that stood on the bar, and walked around to his favorite seat by the window. Then lighting a fresh clear he smoked for two or three minutes in silence.

"I say that folks doesn't know half the time when they're well off. There was old Hiram Wetherbee that came down the river soon after I did and settled in Arkansas City, 'bout the

I did and settled in Arkansas City, bout the time I was first gettin' a footbold on the ladder o' fame an' was comin' to be knowed as the best alsaip. I'd picked up the trick in Virginny when I warn't more'n a boy, an' knowin' enough even at that time to kee, a secret, I made a good livin' out of it when I struck this place, where men ha in't learned to drink anything but straight liquor till I come.

"Well, Hiram, he brought a little money with him an' opene i a store. You might ha' known to well, for he come from Vermont an' knew how to trade. It's born in 'em up there an' he could start in swappin' shingle nails an' come out with a steam saw mill in two months. "He got rich, o' course, an' hadn't a care in the world. Used to set in my back room after business hours an' take his toddy, comf't'ble noould be, eight nights in the week, with never a chick nor a child to worry him. Then he took in his head to get married. Reg'lar dod totte i senility. He warn't more'n fifty years old, but he hadn't no more sense than if he'd been eighty. Said he wanted a young wife,

"I reasoned with him. 'Hiram,' I says, on't want a wife no more'n a North Amerfoan Indian needs a razor,' I says. You're well fixed now with no troubles an' everything you need, but if you're hell bent on marryin', ake some woman with prop'ty an' sufficien experience to keep house. Thar's the Widow Repburn, I says, 'that's got 400 acres under cullivation an' no debts. She's been a-lookin' for a helpmeet,' I says, 'for ten years past, an'

SPOILED HIS FULL HOUSE.

INTER WAS MOVED BY THE DEMON OF AVARICE AND PLAYED WILDLY.

Dere Was No Money in the House, and He Was Not Contented with a Sure Thing in a Back Pot, So He Discarded to Coax the Others in the Betting and Lost All He Had.

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WHY NOT SHIRT-WAIST MEN?

VIEWS ON BOTH SIDES OF A BURN-ING SOCIAL QUESTION.

-Haberdashers on the Fence-Women Equally Divided About It-The Point of View of Propriety | All Important. "Shirt-waist man? Disgusting! Don't speak of him. As well put knickerbockers on him with embroidery frills, big blue bows, socks and sandals. Then he would be comfortable, poor abused man." This was the opinion delivered with much gesticulation by one of the popular dressmakers who prescribe for many of the

Tailors Against the Masculine Shirt-Waist

Four Hundred the garments they shall wear and the fashion of them. "No. no." was her final dictum. "Comfortable? Yes but so are lightweight coats. It's not pretty, a shirt waist. A snob or a cad might appear before ladies in one, but a gentleman-never!" "Abominable," was the adjective which char-

acterized the shirt-waist man, for a Fifth avenue tailor, who by judicious adding here and pinching there, can build a coat that will make an Apollo out of an ordinary man. He has a sense of humor, and he acknowledged that his somewhat. "But," he went on "even aside from

owner's financial substantiality.

The man who is looking forward to a coat"One night in those days I got in about 2

A. M., more befuddled than usual. I stood on the steps awhile fumbling with the door key which I was unable to fit into the lock, and the coatmakers as a class object, of course, key which I was unable to fit into the lock, and the coatmakers as a class object, of course, the coatmakers as a class object, of course, and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not registry division to a man are proud of the regular another was to inform those from whom the very marrow in your bones, curdles your blond, and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not doubt and makes you think of your past life. The money was obtained that their work did not money was obtained that their w

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CHICAGO'S POST OFFICE CATS.

Individual Peculiarities of an Interesting Federal Force.

From the Chicago Daily News. When you paste a two-cent stamp on an envelope and chuck it into the mail box on the corner our frugal and cautious Uncle Sam guarantees your precious missive a ride all the way to Honolulu or the Philippines, and a return trip to boot, if necessary. To protect your letter from the nibbling rats that prowl around the mall pouches and eat up the love letters In the Chicago Post Office, the Government organized a brigade of cats and put them on the payrol! of a grateful Republic and under civil service. It feeds them with Juicy porterhouse once a day at 12, with buttermilk at 6 P. M., to keep each cat on edge to wipe up the floor with the larking voracious rate that fibble

the nation's correspondence. There are about thirty-five oats in Postmaster Charles Ulysses Gordon's domain, all determined to uphoid the Constitution of the United States with their lives, to kill as many rate as the law allows, and to sell their nine lives as dearly as possible, and to fight tooth and nail for Old Glory and a casual appropriation. They stalk majestically round the "pick-up

professional interests might bias his opinion table" as stately as if they had passed the civil service examination and were due to graduate that I somehow don't like the shirt-waist idea | into the registry division or money-order sec-Over in Paris last summer we heard reports tion and get a pension from a grateful coun-Experience of the Reformed Inserting Control of the Reformed Inserting Con from which I imagined whole brigades of men | try. The registry division has a big brindle maker of mint juleps anywheres on the Mis- Experience of the Reformed Instricte That | thronging the streets in jumpers, such as butch- | called Bruiser. He is about as big as a beg

Ocurt of Special Bessions the police and the District Attorney believe they have broken up one of the most contemptible swindles ever worked in this city. It was the character of its victims and not the amount of the profits accruing to those who practised it that made this swindle so contemptible. Hundreds of poor working girls have been the losers by it and the mency obtained from them was in many cases all that stood between them and starvation. It was money that had remained unbouched only through the greatest self-denial on the part of those who possessed it.

The misfortune of girls who could not find employment was taken advantage of by the swindlers, and ured by assurances of the relief to be afforded by immediate and profitable employment hundreds of these girls put up what was all they had in the world and lost it in many cases without hope of redress. Just how many girls fell victims to this swindle the police do not know. That the number was great is shown by the fact that the operations extended over a year at least and that during the period covered by the investigation made by the soiler it was above that no fover.

observation, for wherever Miss Chapman went there went her rings and her sunbursts and her crescents as potent reminders of their owner's financial substantiality.

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WORKING GIRLS FLEECED,

HUNDREDS OF THEM THE VICTIMS
OF A PETTY SWINDLE.

Paid \$1 Each to Learn How, to Make Necktes. Receiving Promises of Employment
—Two Women Convicted of Carrying on the Swindle—Many Victims Very Poor.
By the conviction of two young women on a charge of petty larceny on Thursday in the Court of Special Sessions the police and the District Attorney believe they have broken up one of the most contemptible swindles ever

a half handsome small-mouthed bass, the Women learn to dislike the season of election

FEWER FORMAL DINNERS:

LESS CONVENTIONAL ENTERTAIN-MENTS LIKED IN THEIR STEAD.

Little Dinners With Banjo Accompaniments -Winter Outfits Waiting for the Elec--A Face Masseur's Don't Worry Sermon.

With the exception of the formal dinners of state and ceremony, one or two of which fashionable hostesses feel themselves called upon to give during the winter, at which they air their gold and silver services amid a wealth of rare blossoms, the many-course dinner with its assortment of wines has become a thing of the past. In some houses it is entirely done away with and large entertainments take the form of dances.

One reason for this is that the formal dinner had become one of the most stupid of social functions. It had all the tediousness of a table d'hôte without the unconventional surroundings. Then the long list of wines was too much for the overtaxed society palate, so that gradually the dinner with its stilted conversations and long drawn out desserts has come to be recognized as belonging to the fashionably obsolete customs.

In its place the little dinner has grown apace and flourished. The little dinner is not necessarily restricted as to the number of guests. although eight is the usual limit; but it is divested of all unnecessary form and ceremony and is composed of a few selected courses served with one wine, champagne being the usual choice. With the little dinner, the music of a large orchestra as an accompaniment has found disfavor. The introduction of banjo orchestras and mandolin bands has been one of the marked musical innovations accompanying the service of little dinners, the idea being to dispense in every possible way with a too ponderous formality. At one dinner of this sort given in a Westchester country house the banjo players met with such apconventionality of the occasion by indulging in impromptu cakewalks at intervals during the repast.

The pleasantest feature of the little dinner is the possibility of general conversation in place of the mufiled confidences that marked the big dinner of the past. The dinner man who attained social prominence simply because of his ability to make himself agreeable to his dinner companion on short notice has had to resign his laurels to a more progressive successor who can be generally entertaining.

The little dinner's menu is a matter of the hostess's choice. No set number of courses or New and Interesting Specimens Some Facts

About Pet Turties.

The Aquarium has lately received from Capt. Sorgerager of the Dutch steamship Prins Willem III three curious young crocodiles. No set number of courses of form of service is required. An entertainer of the Southampton colony recently astonished his guesta very pleasantly by serving a dinner all the courses of which were fish, the chef secure of the occasion being officially connected with a Broadway restaurant identified with midnight lobsters and terrapin. With this dinner a rare white wine was served in the course of which were fish, the chef secure of the occasion being officially connected with a Broadway restaurant identified with midnight lobsters and terrapin. With this dinner a rare white wine was served in the course of the occasion being officially connected with a Broadway restaurant identified with midnight lobsters and terrapin. The change of the occasion being officially connected with a Broadway restaurant identified with midnight lobsters and terrapin. With this dinner a rare white wine was served in the course of the occasion being officially connected with a Broadway restaurant identified with midnight lobsters and terrapin. Prins Willem III three curious young crocodiles about seven inches long from Venezuela

From J. A. Pelroe, superintendent of the Unionville division of the Breoldyn Helghts Railroad, the Aquarium has received a handome seahorse. It was taken in Gravesend Bay and is larger than the average found in these waters, being about five inches in length. The Aquarium has another seahorse of a different shade of color, but of the same size. The two make a splendid cross-matched span. Some further additions to the Aquarium's stock of freshwater fishes have lately been received from waters within the city's parks, including, from Prospect Park, a dozen and a half handsome small-mouthed bass, the

largest among them weighing two and a half quite as much as the dry goods merchants, pounds. From the Bronx River in Bronx who always experience a diminution of their sales in the weeks just prior to election day big-mouthed bass, some brook suckers from The women, like the dry goods dealers, learn big-mouthed bass, some brook suckers from
5 to 15 laches in length, some pretty
common roach and a pickerel 16 inches long.
Added recently to the Aquarium's stock is
an odd little box turtle, about four inches in
length of shell, the gift of a woman who had
kept it for ten years as a pet. The turtle had
been given to her by another woman who had
owned it for three years. It is curiously
teme. Placed in an open desk it will wander

> the girls of one famous coeducational college are canning and preserving cats. This sounds unpleasant, but it is nevertheless a truth. In this university a feature is made of the physiolegical course for women and cats are used